AT a glance…

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ADE AT Loan Library

Many of you have already renewed your membership in our AT Loan Library for the 2011–2012 school year. Membership must be renewed annually. If your public education agency (PEA) has not yet renewed or you would like to join for the first time, go to the **ADE AT Loan Library** website to download the enrollment agreement. The agreement must be signed by a special education director/administrator and faxed to the **ADE AT Loan Library** before any equipment may be borrowed. *All Loan Library forms, an FAQ section, and our searchable AT Loan Library Inventory (with color photos) are now online at:* ADEATLoan.org.

AT Spotlight

This section of the newsletter highlights items that are new to the loan library, as well as some old favorites with new classroom uses. In this edition, we are highlighting some of our "kits."

Mouse Mischief Kit

The Mouse Mischief kit can transform teaching and learning in the classroom. Mouse Mischief integrates into Microsoft PowerPoint 2010 and Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2007, allowing teachers to create interactive presentations that engage and excite every student in the classroom. Students can answer multiple choice questions with their own mice and draw on a shared screen.

Now I Know My ABC's Kit

Of course your students know their ABC's—because you have checked out this nifty kit! It contains materials to support reading and writing upper and lower case letters of the alphabet. It also includes tactile items, stamps, software, and more—for support from A to Z!

Measuring Up Kit

Measuring is one math skill we really do use in real life! But for students with motor, vision, and/or intellectual disabilities, it can be a challenge to use measuring tools commonly found in classrooms. This kit gives you many options to try—find out what "measures up" for your students.

What's Cooking? Kit

Cooking has to be the best activity to get students motivated and involved in learning across the curriculum. This kit offers you alternative options so everyone can be involved. From adapted cooking equipment to resources for symbol–support recipes, this kit will help all of your students get cooking!

Let's Talk: AAC Sequence Script Kit

Social scripts are interactions such as joke-telling, sharing life stories, and general conversation. With a well designed social script, students using augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) can have preplanned "conversations" with multiple turns on a predetermined topic. Social scripts support students in learning to begin, maintain, and close a conservation. They are appropriate for students who struggle with the pragmatics of communication, as well as for students struggling with the access piece. This kit includes resources and materials to help you plan and implement social scripts, including several sequential-message voice-output devices.

"The ABCs of Assistive Technology" One-Day Trainings

The Arizona Department of Education, Exceptional Student Services presents a series of one-day trainings on a variety of assistive technology topics, featuring nationally recognized experts in the field. Registration is only $25.00 per training. (*That's right, $25.00 gets you a full day of training with lunch included!*) Attend one or attend them all. Seating is limited, so register early to reserve your space. Register on the ADE Event Calendar:http://www.ade.az.gov/onlineregistration/calendar/RenderCalendar.asp

A Basic Course in Assistive Technology: Motor and Sensory	October 14, 2011
with Matthew Press	
Pendergast Elementary School	
3841 N. 91st Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85037	

A Basic Course in Assistive Technology: Math	November 14, 2011
with Judi Sweeney	
Ocotillo Elementary School Library	
5702 S. Campbell, Tucson, AZ 85706	

A Basic Course in Assistive Technology: Communication	January 12, 2012
with Caroline Musselwhite	
ADE Building, Rooms 106–107	
2005 N. Central, Phoenix, AZ 85004	

A Basic Course in Assistive Technology: Writing	February 16, 2012
with Kelly Fonner	
Ocotillo Elementary School Library	
5702 S. Campbell, Tucson, AZ 85706	

A Basic Course in Assistive Technology: Reading	April 5, 2012
with Scott Marfilius	
Flagstaff Unified District	
3285 E. Sparrow, Flagstaff, AZ 86004	

A Basic Course in Assistive Technology: Consideration and Assessment	May 2, 2012
with Penny Reed	
ADE Building, Rooms 106–107	
2005 N. Central, Phoenix, AZ 85004	

2011–2012 Regional Trainings

FREE

The ADE AT Team is offering Regional Trainings throughout Arizona. The topics for this year include: "Speech to Text and Text to Speech," "App-solute Beginners: iPads in Special Education," and "iPads as AAC." Look for these trainings in your part of the state and sign up right away. You can access the Regional Trainings schedule through the following website: https://sites.google.com/site/adeatinfo/.

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